



US EMBASSY LUSAKA ZAMBIA  
**Kacherere**

# KALIMBA Reptile Park by Mika & Rachel Cleverley

If you are find yourself twid-  
dling your thumbs on a Saturday,  
wondering what to do with the  
kids that does not involve jump-  
ing castles, I recommend Kalimba  
Reptile Park. As the Bradt Travel  
Guide says, "It is gradually be-  
coming worth the journey."

The park has several displays  
of various African snakes. There  
are also several pits chock-full of  
crocodiles from baby-size to  
mammoth. The whole tour of the  
park may go quickly, but there  
are other amenities to add to  
your entertainment.

With a small swimming pool  
(with slide), a relatively large  
playset and swings, barbecue  
grills, bomas, and outdoor tables,  
it is an ideal setting for a picnic.

Prices are: K20,000 per adult  
and K10,000 per child.

Directions: Take the Great  
East Road toward the airport.  
Midway to the airport turnoff,  
turn left at the Caltex station.  
Follow this road, known both as  
District Road and the D564, for  
10.5 km until it ends in a T-  
junction. Then turn right. The  
park is about one-half km away,  
on your right.

The road there is a bit bumpy,  
so bear in mind that just because  
it is 11 km away does not mean  
you can get there in ten minutes.  
Unless you are Tim McVey, or  
Tim McVey's paramedic.

Appropriately enough, on our  
way home we saw a giant snake  
that had just eaten something the

## embassy events

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CLO Coffee

**Saturday, December 13th**  
Holiday Cookie Exchange

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size of a small goat. As it waddled across the road with its bulging belly, it served as a gentle re-

minder of the frailty of life, as well as the potential value of a life insurance policy.

We hope you enjoy the park as much as we did! ■

# Our MISSION Kids



### FEATURED THIS WEEK:

Helena Jordan, Christy Craig, & Madi Jordan

The mission has three kids on the competitive swim team, the AIS Torpedoes. Helena Jordan (photo left), 10, is beating her personal best times every time she competes. Madi Jordan (photo right), 12, is a fantastic breast stroke swimmer and has recently been placing second in her breast stroke events. Christy Craig (photo middle), 16, is also reigning in breast stroke for her age group. She will be representing Zambia in the international swim competition, CANA Zone 4, in January.

#### Publication Deadlines

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#### Numbers:

Post 1  
250-955 ext. 2221

Care for Business Hospital  
254-398

Duty Officer  
0966-864-030

GSO/FM Duty Officer  
0966-864-027

RSO Duty Officer  
0966-864-009

Nurse's Office  
250-955 ext. 2238 or 0966-864-039

CFB Appts & Urgent Care Needs  
252-917

#### Hours:

Medical Unit  
0930-1230 (Mon - Fri) Walk ins  
1300-1700 (Mon - Thurs) By appt

Commissary  
0900 - 1300 (Mon - Thurs)  
1500 - 1800 (Mon & Wed)  
0900 - 1600 (Fri)

CLO  
0600 - 1500 (Mon & Wed)  
0700 - 1600 (Tues & Thurs)  
0700 - 1200 (Fri)

Voyagers Travel  
0900 - 1200 (Mon - Fri)  
1400 - 1530 (Mon - Thurs)

Citibank  
1100 - 1300 (Mon - Thurs)  
1030 - 1230 (Fri)

Embassy Gas Pump  
0730 - 1230; 1400 - 1730 (Mon - Thurs)  
0730 - 1300; 1400 - 17:00 (Fri)

# clo's line

## EMBASSY BULLETIN

 **NURSE'S NOTES:** Dr. Allen Ries, RMO from Pretoria, is planning to visit Lusaka December 10th – 12th, 2008. He will be available for consultations Wednesday (10th) afternoon, 11th Thursday all day and Friday morning. Please contact the Health Unit's Margie Wendland (ext 2259 or wendlandma@state.gov) or Rose Kajojoba (ext 2238 or kajojobarm@state.gov) if you wish to schedule an appointment with Dr. Allen Ries and/or need more information.

 **TOYS FOR TOTS:** Once again this year the Marines are going to donate toys and clothes to local underprivileged children. In order to make this drive a success we are asking for your help. Please donate your new and gently used toys, clothes and books for children (infants to age 18). Collection boxes are available at AIS, CDC, USAID and the Chancery. The items will be delivered on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day so your donations will be needed by December 19th! A wrapping party will be held on December 20th at the Marine House for those of you who would like to volunteer. Thanks and please contact Michelle Marshall at extension 2233 with any questions!

 **AMCA NEWS:** This year is coming to an end very soon, and as many of you will be leaving for the Holidays, we would like to ask you to make sure you settle your Commissary bills before the year-end.

After the internal election of our new board, these are our new Board members, and their positions:

- Thomas Bauer, President
- D.J. Heroux, Vice-President
- Douglas Ferguson, Treasurer
- Mika Cleverley, Secretary
- Jason Villar, Member-at-large

Due to our Annual General Inventory, the Commissary will be closed

## RECURRING ACTIVITIES:

### Monday

18:00 - Volleyball at Marine House. Bring I.D.  
17:30-19:00 – Yoga with Terry Henning  
0977273324

### Tuesday

Cub Scouts – contact Tim McVey for details (262-236)  
18:00-19:00 – Yoga at French School (behind Alliance Française)

### Wednesday

18:00 – Basketball at Marine House

### Thursday

08:00-9:30 – Yoga with Terry Henning  
0977273324  
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0977273324  
18:00-19:00 Yoga at French School (behind Alliance Française)  
19:00 – Biodanza classes - 0979 594 330 / email: biodanzazambia@gmail.com / www.biodanza.co.za/zambia

### Saturday

10:30 - 13:00 Ultimate Frisbee at AIS upper field  
10:00-11:00 – Yoga at French School (behind Alliance Française)  
13:00-18:00 – Social Tennis at the Lusaka Sport Club. K15,000. Mixed doubles  
16:00-17:30 – Yoga with Terry Henning  
0977273324  
Biodanza - 0979 594 330 / email: biodanzazambia@gmail.com / www.biodanza.co.za/zambia

### Sunday

6:30 - Running group. Contact Debi Philpot at debipotty@hotmail.com

Alcoholics Anonymous – Meets every Tuesday and Friday. Tuesday from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm at Kara Counseling Resource Center, Bukavu Road, Thorn Park. Friday from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm at Kalemba Hall, St. Ignatius Church. Info: 0977-400-633 or 095-400-926

Biodanza, will reconnect you with joy through fabulous music, non-choreographed movement and emotion. Biodanza is about feeling the fullness of every moment and awakening our passion for life. It works by opening your sense of joy, self-esteem and self-confidence, which matures with regular classes. Adult classes every Thursday evening at 7pm in Long Acres. Youth classes (6 to 12 yrs) Moms/Dads & classes (babies to 5 yrs) every second Saturday at 10am and 3pm respectively. Call Michelle at 0979 594 330 / email: biodanzazambia@gmail.com / www.biodanza.co.za/zambia for more info.

Chilanga Hackers Golf Society – Peter Manibach 290-818 or Kevin Birch 09777-790-900

Diplomatic Spouses Association (DSA) meets the last Tuesday of every month. Jill Penny 0977-770-094

Family cruises on the Kafue Queen Only 50 km from Lusaka. Transport available. Bar and BBQ on board. Info: Ian 0977-232-949, 0955-913-984, 01-216-016 (evenings), finot@zamnet.zm

Happy Mums and Toddlers International Group All moms with 3, 4, and 5 year olds are welcome to join the group. Conny 293-363, 0977-766-955, dizaco@uudial.zm

Jane Austen Book Club – Kini 0966-637-764

Karate and Self Defense Classes for Children, Men, and Women Shotoham karate. 0977-789-389, 095-704-540, 286-388

Ladies' Beginner Golf Lessons- Chainama Hills Golf Club (264-694)

Ladies Squash – Mulungushi Village Squash Club – Sue 0977-326-381, Jeff 0966-680-696

Lusaka Bridge Club – 250-409, 264-432, money@coppernet.zm

Lusaka Hash House Harriers – Lothario 0977-790-808, Boy Blue 0966-766-249, Jerry Mouse 0977-471-764, pgwhite@coppernet.zm or lusaka.hash@zambia.co.zm

Lusaka Kennel Club – 260-081

Lusaka Road Bikers – Ginty Melvill 0966-766-896, GintyM@seedco.co.zm or Len Ware 095-580-1954, murryfieldfarm@zamtel.zm or Andy Legg 0966-858-733, mcrop@zamnet.zm. The Road Bikers group is a recognized section of the Lusaka Motor Cycle Club.

Martial Arts for Children and Adults – 0977-783-537

NHL Club – street hockey – Mike 0977-376-450

Power Yoga – 097-779-0825, 0977-789-680

Tennis – Lusaka Club – 0977-964-121, lusakatennis@yahoo.com

Wildlife and Environmental Conservation Society of Zambia (WECSZ) – Meets once a month for ecological talks and lectures led by experienced conservationists – 251-630, wecsz@zamnet.zm

Zambia Basketball Association – mini basketball skills for children between 5 and 13 – Mwembe Kaona 0966-752-797

Zambia Ornithological Society – meets once a month for a bird walk in the countryside. Guida Bell-Cross 235-949, www.wattledcrane.com

Zambia Tae-Kwon-Do Association – 254-090

Zambia Universal Skydiving Club – learn to skydive. Dave 0966-860-306, Julius 0977-791-256, Gary 0977-337-153

to the public from January 5th, to January 9th. If you can volunteer to help with the Inventory during this week, please let me know by December 26th. Please note that we will be open on January 2nd for last minute shopping. Gas coupons will be available at the Embassy Snack Shop during this week.

**DOMESTIC SURVEY:** Please take a moment to fill the domestic staff survey out (found on page 6). If you would like it to remain confidential, please send it via interoffice mail to me, or send it to work with your spouse who can use interoffice mail to send it. Also, please write additional notes that you feel are pertinent to the survey on the survey itself. Thank you! If you have any questions, please email [Lusakac@state.gov](mailto:Lusakac@state.gov).

**CLO HOLIDAY CAMP:** When: from December 15th to December 23rd. Who: mission children ages 5 years and up. Cost: 300,000 for the entire 7 days. Activities include spending a morning at a local bakery to bake treats, swimming, horse riding, movies, and local trips! RSVP by December 8th to [CloLusaka@state.gov](mailto:CloLusaka@state.gov) or [jordandl@state.gov](mailto:jordandl@state.gov) 250-955x2291. Space is limited!

**AMCA:** We just got some new DVD movies: 1. The Incredible Hulk. 2. Iron Man. 3. Get Smart. 4. Kung Fu Panda. 5. Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull. 6. Journey to the Center of the Earth (3-D). Please note this movie comes with 4 pairs of 3-D glasses. Please, please, take good care of them! Remember is only \$2,50 per night. If you take movies on Thursday or Friday, and bring them back on Monday, we only charge you for one night!

**FUEL PRICES:** AMCA fuel prices for this month are: Petrol: \$114,79 (\$137,00 in November). Diesel: \$135.07 (\$161,00 in November).

**EVENTS**

Thursday, December 11th (2 Events)

CLO Coffee at 10 am. RSVP with to CLO: [Lusakac@state.gov](mailto:Lusakac@state.gov).

You are cordially invited to a Trio Art Exhibition by CHILIAPA LWANDO, LAUREL BORISENKO, & ZENZELE CHULU. Exhibit Open

ing on Thursday, 11th December 2008 from 18:00-20:00 hrs. Welcome cocktail and free snacks. Cash bar at Ababa House, Zebra Crossing Cafe. 1206 Addis Ababa Drive, entrance on Twikatane Rd, Rhodes Park ( near Manda Hill Foot Bridge ) For info: 255 987 Or 0977 415 151 / 0977 531 335

**Saturday, December 13th**



Holiday Tea and Cookie Exchange on Saturday, December 13 at 3 p.m. Come for tea and a cookie exchange! Depending on the number of participants, you will be asked to bring approximately 6 dozen cookies to exchange; we will also be setting aside cookies for Lusaka-based organizations in need of holiday cheer, so if you want to bring more than 6 dozen, feel free! Please bring copies of your cookie recipe to distribute during the exchange. RSVP to Deb Jordan, CLO 250-955x2291/[jordandl@state.gov](mailto:jordandl@state.gov) or Patti Madigan at 0966712150/[madiganp@state.gov](mailto:madiganp@state.gov)

Join us for a Backyard Bash at the Marine house at 19:00. There will be chances to win free beer and also a free bottle of alcohol. There will be a pool competition going on, you pay K 5,000 to play. The winner either gets a free beer or a free mixed drink. We will also be selling MOSI on draft where you can buy 2 beers for only K 10,000 that is K 6,000 less then you would pay for 2 bottles, sounds good right.... Well that's not all we will also have Margaritas for sale at K 10,000 a



**This holiday season, Santa wants to know whether you've been naughty or nice.**

Have you:

- ? Done your part to protect the North Pole?
  - ? Thought about the welfare of Santa's reindeer and all the other wild creatures?
  - ? Ensured that chimney sweeps and everyone else who does a dirty job has decent work conditions?
  - ? Thanked the Marines, Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and our fellow colleagues who work to make the world safe for Santa's deliveries?
  - ? Helped put food on the tables or roofs over the heads of those less fortunate than you?
  - ? Are you sure you've done enough????
- Just to be safe, please consider a donation to one of the 22,000 charities participating in the Combined Federal Campaign's payroll deduction program. Call or see Santa's helper, Jeff Allen, in the Consular Section (250-955 x2024).

piece. You can't beat that price. There will also be a Braii cooked by the Marines and a bonfire for you to enjoy. Please bring a side dish that you can share with everyone. And finally we ask that you stop by to say farewell to Sergeant Stevens as he will be leaving on December 22nd headed for his next post.

MIXED DRINKS K 12,000

**BACKYARD BASH**

MARGARITAS K 10,000

2 BEERS FOR K 10,000

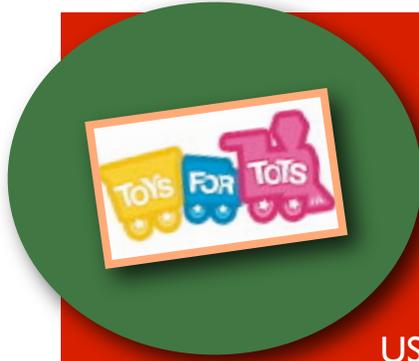
TIME: 1900 – UNTIL YOU LEAVE  
SATURDAY DECEMBER 13TH  
COME JOIN THE MARINES FOR  
THE BACK YARD BASH AND BONFIRE AT THE MARINE HOUSE!

**Saturday, December 20th**

Toys For Tots wrapping party! December 20th at the Marine House. Appetizers and drinks and holiday cheer will be provided. Donations of wrapping paper and tape greatly appreciated! Please contact Michelle at 950-255 ext 2233 with any questions.

**Wednesday, December 31st**

It is time to close out the year and ring in a new one. What better way to do it then celebrating with the Marines at the Marine house. There will be a BBQ and as always side dishes are welcome. There will be a special on draft beer which will be 2 draft beers for K 10,000. We are still coming up with a specialty drink so if you have any ideas of what you might enjoy please let us know. We will be decorated to the fullest and be ready to ring in the new year. The party does not start until 2100 so put the kids to bed and come enjoy another great time at the Marine House.



Tis the season to be jolly! Let's make this holiday just as jolly for others! In the

Chancery, at AIS, CDC, and USAID are donation boxes for your new and gently used toys, books and clothes (for infants to age 18) for this years TOYS FOR TOTS campaign.

The items will be delivered on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, so your donations would be appreciated if received by December 19th! A wrapping party will be held on December 20th at the Marine House for those of you who would like to volunteer.

Thank you for your help in making this Christmas a special one, for many of the needy children here in Lusaka.

*Thanks and please contact Michelle Marshall at extension 2233 with any questions!*

**NEW YEARS**

**2 FOR K 10,000**

**COME RING IN THE NEW YEAR THE RIGHT WAY AT THE MARINE HOUSE!!!**

**DEC 31<sup>ST</sup> 2100-0100**

**PARTY!!!**

*Cocktails*

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## SURVEY 2008

### Salaries for Domestic Employees U.S. Embassy – Lusaka

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Pets: \_\_\_\_\_

Size of Yard     Enormous     Large     Medium     Small

TYPE OF EMPLOYEE	LIVE IN OR OUT?	HOURS PER WEEK	SALARY (IN KWACHA)	PROVIDE UNIFORM & SHOES
Housekeeper				
Gardener				
Nanny				
Driver				
Cook				

**ALLOWANCES:** Please list all allowances that you provide. For instance, if you provide food, which meals, or monetary:

FOOD: \_\_\_\_\_

HOUSING: \_\_\_\_\_

TRANSPORTATION: \_\_\_\_\_

FURNITURE: \_\_\_\_\_

LEAVE: \_\_\_\_\_

13<sup>th</sup> MONTH BONUS: \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to the Community Liaison Office by Friday, December 15. Your responses will be kept confidential, but the data will be collated and shared with the community.

**THANK YOU!**



# Weekly Update

FLO Weekly Update is a compilation of news and information from the Family Liaison Office, Department of State for American U.S. government employees who are serving, have served, or will be serving under Chief of Mission Authority and their family members or Members of Household. For more information on FLO programs and resources, please visit us online at: <http://www.state.gov/m/dghr/flo>, or <http://hrweb.hr.state.gov/prd/hrweb/flo/index.cfm>. For questions email: [FLO@state.gov](mailto:FLO@state.gov) or call FLO at: (800) 440-0397.

**December 8, 2008**

## **2009 Summer Clerical Program Announcement: Deadline January 5, 2008**

Applications are now being accepted from students 16 years or older. Positions are located in the Washington, DC metro area.

In order to qualify for a Summer Clerical Program position, you must:

- Be a U.S. citizen, age 16 or older at time of appointment
- Be enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a degree (diploma, certificate, etc.,) seeking student
- Be taking at least half-time academic/vocational/or technical course load in an accredited high school, technical or vocational school, 2-year or 4-year college or university, graduate or professional school
- Be able to complete a background investigation to determine eligibility for a security clearance

Applicants should read the entire vacancy announcement prior to submitting their application in order to ensure that they meet the eligibility requirements and submit their application correctly. All applications must be submitted via the on-line application system, Gateway to State. The on-line system is available on the Department's careers website: <http://www.careers.state.gov/students/programs.html#SCP>. Former participants in the program must submit an on-line application in order to be considered for the 2009 program.

**The application deadline is January 5, 2009.**

For questions, contact the Student Programs Office by telephone at: (202) 261-8888, ext. 48888, or email Tamara Brooks at: [BrooksTN@state.gov](mailto:BrooksTN@state.gov).

## **AFSA Scholarships: Deadline February 6, 2009**

High school seniors and college undergraduates of Foreign Service employees (active - duty, retired and deceased) are eligible to apply for one-time only AFSA Academic and Art Merit Awards along with renewable, need based AFSA Financial Aid Scholarships. Awards range from \$1,000 to \$4,000. Visit <http://www.afsa.org/scholar/www.afsa.org/scholar/> for complete details.

**The application deadline is Feb. 6, 2009.**

For more information, contact Lori Dec at [dec@afsa.org](mailto:dec@afsa.org) (202) 944 5504, or 1 (800) 704 2372, ext. 504 (toll free).

Parents and students are also encouraged to visit free, online, scholarship search engines such as [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com), [www.wiredscholar.com](http://www.wiredscholar.com), [www.srnexpress.com](http://www.srnexpress.com), and [www.brokescholar.com](http://www.brokescholar.com) to find other scholarship resources.

# classifieds

Submit ads to [kacherelusaka@yahoo.com](mailto:kacherelusaka@yahoo.com) by noon on Tuesday. Ads will run for three issues and can be renewed. If the ad is obsolete before the three issues are up, please notify the editor as soon as possible. Thanks!

## AUTOMOBILES

**FIRST NOTICE** 1995 Toyota RAV4, Ex-UK, imported in May 2008, ABM registration, 5-doors, Manual transmission, 1.8 Litre-Petrol engine, 4 wheel drive, Sun-roof, Excellent condition. Price negotiable. Call 0977-748264.

**SECOND NOTICE** 1998 Landcruiser Prado, imported from Japan October 2006; Silver; 3L Turbo diesel; manual transmission; AC; 5 door; seats 8; compass; Radio; CD changer holds up to 10 CDs; sunroof; PS; power windows; New all four tires in August, New timing belt in August; New Shock absorbers in August; central door locks; in excellent condition and well cared for. 102,000 km; \$20,000 duty free. Please email [onjoroe@zm.cdc.gov](mailto:onjoroe@zm.cdc.gov) or [onjoro04@yahoo.com](mailto:onjoro04@yahoo.com) or call 0977640520.

**SECOND NOTICE** 1993 Mitsubishi Pajero (Wagon -5 doors) . 79,000 km 5 speed manual transmission, diesel engine, 4 WD, excellent condition. well maintained, new shocks and brakes. \$13,500. tel 0977-479906

**THIRD NOTICE** Recently imported (Jan 07) sporty, black 1997 Mitsubishi Galant with spoiler. Only 48,350km. Driven responsibly and serviced regularly. Interior in excellent condition. Car complete with multi-media stereo system. Automatic, A/C, driver- and passenger-side airbags, petrol. Ex-Pat is leaving the country and must sell. Asking \$7000 USD or K 30,100,000, (OBO). Duty not paid. Call 0978-608150 or email [bob.keating.iii@gmail.com](mailto:bob.keating.iii@gmail.com).

## MISC

**FIRST NOTICE** Sale, Sale Sale. This Christmas African Joy offers you a mas-

sive discount on all stock. On offer are Kuba place mats, Table Runner, leather /Kuba handbags, Calico place mats, table runners Bed Linen curios and many more. Intercontinental Hotel, Lusaka Shop number 14, Phone # 254673 or 0977 782690"

## STAFF

**SECOND NOTICE** Violet Chikomweshwa is an honest, hardworking housekeeper who will be available for employment in January 2009. Violet is able to initiate work that most of us don't even notice. She can also cook but is a little out of practice since I did most of my own cooking. She has worked for Americans for the past 10 years and has references. Call Joy at 0977-479906 or Violet at 0977-666469.

## ARCADES MOVIESCHEDULE

Daily Showings from Dec 12 - Dec 18

### Quantum of Solace

9:30, 11:45, 14:30, 17:15, 19:45

Seeking revenge for the death of his love, secret agent James Bond sets out to stop an environmentalist from taking control of a country's water supply.

### Madagascar Escape 2 Africa

9:45, 12:30, 15:15, 18:00, 20:30

The sequel to 2005's "Madagascar", in which New York Zoo animals, Alex the Lion, Marty the Zebra, Melman the Giraffe and Gloria the Hippo, still stranded on Madagascar, start to leave the island. All of a sudden, they land in the wilderness of Africa, where Alex meets the rest of his family, but has trouble communicating with them after spending so much time at the Central Park Zoo.

### Death Race

10:00, 12:15, 15:00, 17:45, 20:15

Ex-con Jensen Ames is forced by the warden of a notorious prison to compete in our post-industrial world's most popular sport: a car race in which inmates must brutalize and kill one another on the road to victory.

### High School Musical

9:15, 11:30, 14:15, 17:00, 19:30

As seniors in high school, Troy and Gabriella struggle with the idea of being separated from one another as college approaches. Along with the rest of the Wildcats, they stage a spring musical to address their experiences, hopes and fears about their future.

### Eagle Eye

9:30, 12:00, 14:45, 17:30, 20:00

Jerry and Rachel are two strangers thrown together by a mysterious phone call from a woman they have never met. Threatening their lives and family, she pushes Jerry and Rachel into a series of increasingly dangerous situations, using the technology of everyday life to track and control their every move.

Sunday - No First Performance

# employment

## OBO ADMINISTRATIVE SECURITY CLERK

OPENING DATE: December 08, 2008

CLOSING DATE: December 22, 2008

WORK HOURS: Full Time; (40 hours per week)

SALARY: Based on the Embassy's Local Compensation Plan – FSN 6 with a starting salary of ZK 53,314,495 per annum.

DURATION: This is full-time fixed term employment not to exceed December, 2010.

The U.S. Embassy in Zambia is seeking to hire a qualified individual to fill the position of Administrative Security Clerk in the Missions Security section of the Overseas Building Office (OBO).

### MAJOR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Incumbent serves as the office manager performing the full range of support functions and other administrative duties. Oversee security certification program for contractor and subcontractor employees while tracking progress and coordinating time sensitive tasks. Receives, reviews, sorts, routes and assists with correspondence. Maintains files and records for the Security section of OBO.

### REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

Note: All applicants are instructed to address in their Curriculum Vitae, each item detailed below with specific and comprehensive information supporting each requirement:

- Successful completion of senior secondary school and a college diploma in Administration, Secretarial or Clerical field is required.
- Two years of progressively responsible experience in office administration or similar work is required.
- Level IV (fluent) English and Level III (good working knowledge) in two local languages is required.
- Must be familiar with administrative aspects of construction security programs, plans, and procedures.
- Good computer and typing skills, knowledge and proficiency of Microsoft Office applications (Word, Excel, Access and Powerpoint) and multi tasking skills are required.
- A valid driver's license is required.

A copy of the complete position description listing all duties and responsibilities is available in the Human Resources Office. Please call 250-955, extensions 2284, 2286 and 2290 for more information.

## CHAUFFEUR

OPENING DATE: December 08, 2008

CLOSING DATE: December 22, 2008

WORK HOURS: Full Time; (40 hours per week)

SALARY: Based on the Embassy's Local Compensation Plan – FSN 3 with a starting salary of ZK 35,362,479.

DURATION: This is full-time fixed term employment not to exceed December, 2010.

The U.S. Embassy in Zambia is seeking to hire a qualified individual to fill the position of Chauffeur in the Missions Overseas Building Office (OBO).

### MAJOR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Incumbent operates motor vehicles to transport passengers or cargo in and around Lusaka for OBO. Maintains vehicle in a clean and serviceable condition and ensures vehicle security. Will perform some messenger duties. Performs other duties assigned.

### REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

Note: All applicants are instructed to address in their Curriculum Vitae, each item detailed below with specific and comprehensive information supporting each requirement:

- Successful completion of senior secondary school is required.
- Two years driving experience is required.
- Level III (good working knowledge) English is required.
- A valid driver's license, knowledge of local traffic laws and patterns, operation of both manual and automatic transmission vehicles is required.
- Must possess basic knowledge of vehicle maintenance.
- Must be customer oriented and possess effective communication skills.

A copy of the complete position description listing all duties and responsibilities is available in the Human Resources Office. Please call 250-955, extensions 2284, 2286 and 2360 for more information.

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# How the Zebra got his Stripes

One day long ago, a very big, very fierce baboon came down from the trees to live on the banks of the great Umfolozi River.

Here he made his home and declared to all the other animals that the land all around belonged to him and they were not to use the water in the river.

He alone was allowed to drink.

There was one among the animals who decided to stand up to fearful Baboon. This was a proud young zebra stallion, Dube.

In those days, zebra were pure white, like the fabled unicorn. Now Dube was brave, and he challenged Baboon to a fight. Baboon, a fierce veteran of many battles, agreed. He knew all about fighting.

"The loser of the fight," he said, "will be banished forever to the barren kopje across the river." And he told the zebra to come to his kraal the next morning.

The fight was long and terrible. Both animals fought with all their strength, using the weapons the Creator had given them. Dube used his sharp hooves and teeth. Baboon used his long fangs and his agility.

Eventually, Baboon gained the upper hand, and poor Dube was thrown backwards into the blazing logs of the kraal fire. The cruel flames licked all

over his body, searing his fine white coat.

The dreadful pain gave Dube a surge of new strength, and with a mighty kick he sent Baboon flying.

Over the river sailed Baboon, right onto the rocks of the kopje on the other side. Baboon landed with such force that a bald patch remains on his behind to this very day.

But Dube too was marked for life. The burns from the blazing logs in Baboon's fire left black stripes all over his snow-white coat. But at least he had won and from that day on the water was free to all the animals.

Since then, zebras wear their stripes with pride, and while baboons are banished to stony kopjes, the zebras dwell on the open plains, coming and going to the river just as they please. ■

-A Zulu Story



## facts about zebras

(*Loxodonta africana*)

	Male	Female
Height	4 ft	4 ft
Weight	704 lb	616 lb
Age of Maturity	3 yrs	3 yrs
Gestations Period	-	12 months
Number of Young	-	1
Lifespan	20 years	20 years

**Habitat:** Lightly wooded and open grasslands near water.

**Habits:** Prefers to run in herds of its own kind, living in groups of up to 40. The male (stallion) gathers his own group of females around him and fiercely guards them from rivals. Fights between stallions can be heard a long way off; they make fierce noises, barks, and high-pitched whines as they near each other. Zebras are one of the lion's favorite prey animals. Their defense is to kick out viciously with their hind hooves.

**Diet:** Zebras are grazers, but in hard times when grass is scarce, they will dig up roots with their front hooves and eat them.

## AISL December Holiday sports Programme

**When:** Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays.  
10h00 - 12h00. (December/January)

**Where:** AISL Covered Court - Primary School.

**Who:** Boys and Girls between 5 - 12 years.

**Cost:** K20:000 per session.

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## b&w camouflage

You might think that its bold black-and-white stripes are the reverse of camouflage - as they are close up. But at a distance, on the open plains when the heat shimmers up from the ground, the zebra's stripes seem to fade and blur until even a whole herd is almost invisible from a few miles away. The stripes can also be a means of confusing a predator as it moves in close to a running herd. Imagine trying to pick out any one particular zebra from a jumble mass of moving black-and-white lines.